



The HARVESTER Newsletter

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Dear Southwest Family,

There are some Bible stories I would be interested in living out. Watching Jesus feed 5,000 people or hearing God from a burning bush. Those sound interesting, maybe even a little fun. It would be better to sit out some other events though. Things like Egypt being destroyed by 10 plagues or being trapped in a lion's den. Neither of those sound like things I want to actively try with my time.

In 2019 a man was studying whales off the coast of South Africa and without warning a whale swallowed the man. Eventually he was spat back out, but for a while he knew what it was like to be Jonah. Recently another man, this time off the coast of Cape Cod, was swallowed by a whale. The man, Michael Packard age 56, described it as "a large fish came his way and then everything went black". While that sounds scary, Michael originally thought it was worse than it was. He thought he was in the mouth of a great white shark, and at that point thought he was a goner. Luckily, it was a baby whale and it spit him out. Michael was taken to the hospital, just to make sure he was okay, and told his story to a set of nurses. One of them asked him about that night's lottery thinking you were swallowed and spit out by a whale; how lucky can you get?

Jonah knew what those two men felt, but in a more personal way. Jonah was swallowed by a whale and taken to Nineveh because that is where God wanted him to go. Jonah 2:10 is one of my favorite, and grossest verses in the Bible: "*And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.*" That's right- Jonah was, for a very short time, literally whale vomit off to the side. A whale tossed his cookies and Jonah was a part of that; ha-ha I'm done making whale references, for a while at least.

It is amazing watching God's resourcefulness. Using a whale to get Jonah where he needed to go in life is nothing short of breath taking. Michael Packard will talk about how a whale ate him the rest of his life. God gets us where we need to be and sometimes the journey to where we need to go is in a dark and scary place. But God knows what He is doing. Have faith in Him today and always.

Real life examples of Bible stories, always encourages my faith. I hope you have had yours encouraged as well. I leave you with this quote by Jonah: "*I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love*" (Jonah 4:2a). He does love us, even if we were swallowed by a whale.

In Christ's Love,
Dan Conway

Events & Information

Monthly Figures

In- Service Attendance:

5/30	6/6	6/13	6/20
78	102	79	74

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). Thank you for your faithfulness church! We continue to have several folks watching online each week. Please continue to pray for our church family – both those in corporate worship and those being reached by our online ministry.

Deacon's List:

Chair:

Audio/Visual: Jared Friedrichsen

Secretary: Mike Bunn

Parsonage:

Maintenance: Lynn Hounshel

Special Projects: TBD, Lynn, and

Phil Friedrichsen

Benevolence: Tony Storad

Church (Building): Lynn Hounshel

We are continually blessed by the generosity of God's people. Thank you for your continued financial support so that we may meet the needs of our ministry staff, missionaries, benevolence ministry, and the general ministry of the church. For your convenience, we would like to remind you that online giving is available through our secure internet portal at <https://swccbarberton.com/giving>.

Thank you church family for your ongoing support of Southwest Church of Christ!

Weekly Need:

General: \$3,300

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Missions: \$442

Jr. & Sr. High trip to Creation Museum: Sunday through Monday 7/18 and 19. Details are in the foyer regarding the itinerary and packing list. Also, **upcoming events for August** include a bonfire night at the Robinson's on 8/1, and a waterfall night for youth group on 8/8. See Dan Conway with any questions.

Women's Retreat at Round Lake: Saturday, 9/11 from 8:30 to 4pm, and the cost is \$40 (includes lunch). Becky Hammond will be the speaker "...for such a time as this..." We will carpool from Southwest. Please see Karen Rummer with any questions.

Junior Church: Junior church classes have resumed during Sunday morning service. We are still looking for volunteers to teach. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer if you are interested, or you can speak with Nathan Robinson.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: Grades 6-12 are meeting for youth group on Sunday evenings during the month of July, except for 7/4 Independence Day, and 7/18 when we are at the Creation Museum. Questions, see Dan.

Scrapbooking: The group will be meeting on Saturday 7/3 from 10am to 6pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a snack and a drink to share.

Tuesday Morning Ladies Study: Tuesdays at 10 am we will have a Ladies Devotional and Prayer time for the rest of the summer. Questions, see Karen Rummer.

“Senior Moment” Group Outing: We will have a potluck luncheon at the church on 7/27 at Noon. If you are 55 or older, please join us and bring a covered dish to share. Fun, food, and fellowship! Questions, see Karen Rummer.

B.A.C.M. Food Pantry item: Breakfast Items (instant oatmeal, pop tarts, granola cereal bars, and cereal varieties). Please place items in the kitchen inside BACM box.

Rahab Ministries: Please consider supporting this ministry financially, as other donations are not being accepted at this time. Checks may be sent to: Rahab Ministries, PO BOX 13866, Akron, OH 44334.

Looking for support? Elders are available after every Sunday worship service, or by contacting the church office, to speak with you regarding prayer requests or offer spiritual guidance for your concerns.

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>38 "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses." Acts 13:38-39</i></p>				1	2	3 <i>Scrapbooking</i>
4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group 3-5pm</i>	12	13 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Creation Museum Trip</i>	19 <i>Creation Museum Trip</i>	20 <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group</i>	26	27 <i>Women's Bible Study "Senior Moment"</i>	28	29	30	31

BIRTHDAYS:	
7/13	Darlene Scott
7/14	Russ Mercer
7/14	Kevin Weaver
7/15	Debbie Easterday
7/17	Delaney Robinson
7/25	Dan Hughey
7/28	Julia Friedrichsen
7/29	Matthew Robinson
7/30	Lynn Hounshel
7/30	Rodney Webb

ANNIVERSARIES:	
7/3	Russ & Karen Mercer
7/6	Eric & Katie Geimer
7/12	Dick & Linda Smith
7/17	Jim & Karen Rummer
7/22	Lynn & Chris Hounshel
7/22	Nathan & Crystal Robinson
7/26	Billi & Mindie Cromer
7/24	Joel & Debbie Martin
7/30	Michael & Peggy Giovanni
7/30	Kevin & Angie Sapper

Did you have a birthday or anniversary this month that we missed? Would you like to have your special day added to our calendar? Write your name, the occasion, and the date on the prayer tab in the bulletin. Place the tab in the offering plate on any Sunday. Or you may send an email to: kdbusch15@gmail.com, and I will gladly include your information.

Do you know someone who would positively benefit from reading The HARVESTER? Our newsletter is now available on the Southwest Church of Christ webpage under the Ministries tab.

Growing Your Faith

“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life”.

Romans 6:22 NIV

For the year of 2021, we will be reading the whole bible. Old Testament and New Testament selections for each day provides a variety in your studying. This plan was originally developed by 19th Century Pastor Robert Murray M’Cheyne in Scotland.

- JUL 1:** Josh. 3; Psa. 126-128; Isa. 63; Matt. 11
JUL 2: Josh. 4; Psa. 129-131; Isa. 64; Matt. 12
JUL 3: Josh. 5, 6:1-5; Psa. 132-134; Isa. 65; Matt. 13
JUL 4: Josh. 6:6-27; Psa. 135-136; Isa. 66; Matt. 14
JUL 5: Josh. 7; Psa. 137-138; Jere. 1; Matt. 15
JUL 6: Josh. 8; Psa. 139; Jere. 2; Matt. 16
JUL 7: Josh. 9; Psa. 140-141; Jere. 3; Matt. 17
JUL 8: Josh. 10; Psa. 142-143; Jere. 4; Matt. 18
JUL 9: Josh. 11; Psa. 144; Jere. 5; Matt. 19
JUL 10: Josh. 12-13; Psa. 145; Jere. 6; Matt. 20
- JUL 11:** Josh. 14-15; Psa. 146-147; Jere. 7; Matt. 21
JUL 12: Josh. 16-17; Psa. 148; Jere. 8; Matt. 22
JUL 13: Josh. 18-19; Psa. 149-150; Jere. 9; Matt. 23
JUL 14: Josh. 20-21; Acts 1
JUL 15: Josh. 22; Acts 2; Jere. 11; Matt. 25
JUL 16: Josh. 23; Acts 3; Jere. 12; Matt. 26
JUL 17: Josh. 24; Acts 4; Jere. 13; Matt. 27
JUL 18: Judg. 1; Acts 5; Jere. 14; Matt. 28
JUL 19: Judg. 2; Acts 6; Jere. 15; Mark 1
JUL 20: Judg. 3; Acts 7; Jere. 16; Mark 2
- JUL 21:** Judg. 4; Acts 8; Jere. 17; Mark 3
JUL 22: Judg. 5; Acts 9; Jere. 18; Mark 4
JUL 23: Judg. 6; Acts 10; Jere. 19; Mark 5
JUL 24: Judg. 7; Acts 11; Jere. 20; Mark 6
JUL 25: Judg. 8; Acts 12; Jere. 21; Mark 7
JUL 26: Judg. 9; Acts 13; Jere. 22; Mark 8
JUL 27: Judg. 10, 11:1-11; Acts 14; Jere. 23; Mark 9
JUL 28: Judg. 11:12-40; Acts 15; Jere. 24; Mark 10
JUL 29: Judg. 12; Acts 16; Jere. 25; Mark 11
JUL 30: Judg. 13; Acts 17; Jere. 26; Mark 12
JUL 31: Judg. 14; Acts 18; Jere. 27; Mark 13

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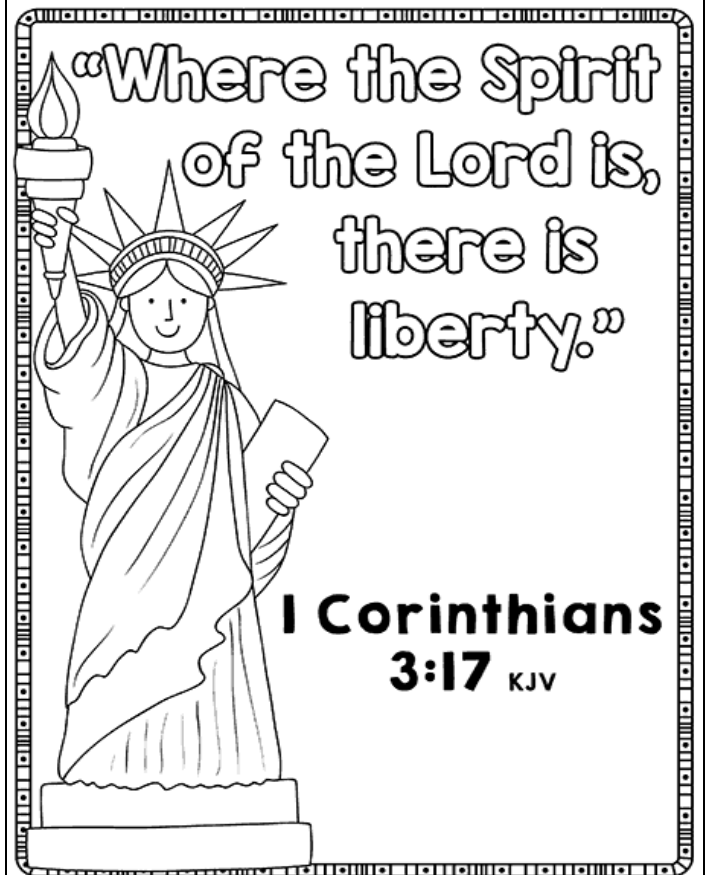


“If the son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
John 3:36

Find the underlined words from the verse above in the word-search below.

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WEEKLY WORSHIP TIMES:

Sunday Morning:

Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship 10:30am

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: 10am

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